

# ROHYPNOL



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# ***WHAT IS ROHYPNOL?***

- *Rohypnol (chemical name - fluritzrazepam) is a sedative that is more than ten times as strong as Valium.*
- *Rohypnol belongs to the benzodiazepines family, which also includes drugs such as Valium, Librium, and Xanax.*
- *Rohypnol is known as a “Date Rape”*

# ***ROHYPNOL***

⇕ ***Rohypnol is produced and marketed by Roche Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Swiss based Health Care Company.***



⇕ ***Rohypnol is available as a small, white tablet in 1 mg, or 2 mg doses with Roche inscribed into the pill.***

⇕ ***The consumption, possession and/or distribution of Rohypnol in the United States is illegal as it is a Schedule IV drug.***

# ***ROHYPNOL***

***Because Rohypnol is odorless, colorless, and tasteless when dissolved in alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, LaRoche has begun to add additional properties to the pill. These properties within the pill:***

- ⊕ Cause light colored drinks to turn blue.***
- ⊕ Dissolve slowly and form small chunks in dark colored beverages.***



Rohypnol tablets are white and are single- or cross-scored on one side with "ROCHE" and "1" or "2" encircled on the other.

# ***STREET NAMES***

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**Circles**  
▯ **Roche**

▯ **Rope**

▯

**Roaches**

▯ **Forget Me**

**Drug**



▯ **Mexican**  
**Valium**

▯

**Roofies**  
▯ **R-2**

▯

**Rophies**  
▯ **Rib**

# ***HOW IS ROHYPNOL CONSUMED?***

- Rohypnol is almost always ingested orally in either the pill form or dissolved in a beverage.***
- Rohypnol, in its powder form, can also be snorted.***
- The effects of Rohypnol can be felt 15-30 minutes after ingestion.***
- The effects of the drug can be felt for up to 35 hours after ingestion.***

# ***EFFECTS***

- ▣ **Disinhibition**
- ▣ **Slurred Speech**
- ▣ **Muscle Relaxation**
- ▣ **Aggressive Behavior**
- ▣ **Fearlessness**
- ▣ **Disorientation**
- ▣ **Amnesia**



Though typically white in color, flunitrazepam pills recently seized in Egypt were of a brownish-pink tint, indicating a counterfeit product.

- ▣ **Impaired Judgement**
- ▣ **Respiratory Distress**
- ▣ **Loss of Motor Skills**
- ▣ **Blackouts (can last 8-24 hours)**
- ▣ **Dizziness/Nausea**
- ▣ **Overdose**
- ▣ **Death**



# ***ROHYPNOL***

⊠ *Rohypnol is sometimes used as an “alcohol extender” in combination with beer and other alcoholic beverages.*

▮ *Poly-drug users sometimes ingest Rohypnol to enhance low-quality heroin or to counteract the effects of a cocaine binge.*

▮ *Long time Rohypnol users may develop a tolerance for the drug, which could lead to physical dependence and severe withdrawal symptoms.*

# ***TESTING FOR ROHYPNOL***

- ☞ Rohypnol is detectable in urine for approximately 2-4 days after ingestion.***
- ▮ Rohypnol is extremely difficult to detect more than 4 hours after ingestion.***
- ▮ A division of Hoffman-LaRoche has developed a special program to assist medical and law enforcement personnel to test for the presence of Rohypnol in the blood and urine specimen from rape victims.***

# ***ROHYPNOL TESTING IN THE ARMY***

***☞ Rohypnol is not tested for on a regular basis and is only tested for under special circumstances.***

***▮ Contact your local ASAP prior to collecting the specimen as special guidelines MUST be followed.***

# ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES***

- ***<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/rohypnol/rohypnol.htm>***
- ***<http://www.teenchallenge.com/main/drugs/rohypnol.htm>***
- ***<http://www.health.org>***
- ***<http://www.lec.org/DrugSearch/Documents/Rohypnol.html>***
- ***<http://www.streetdrugs.org/rohypnol.htm>***



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